

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Laurisch et al.	Examiner:	Smith
Serial No.:	10/553,521	Group Art Unit:	2874
371(c):	October 13, 2006	Docket No.:	02316.2168USWO
Title:	Optical Fiber Coupler Module		

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

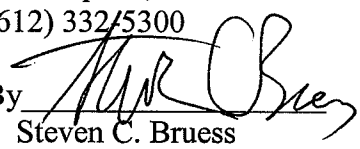
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the communication mailed October 9, 2008, the period of response being extended from January 9, 2009 to March 9, 2009.

Payment is being made via credit card in the amount of \$490.00 to cover the required fee for a large entity. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account. No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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